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SUBJECT: UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD CHAIRMAN WYNTER'S VIEWS
ON UNESCO-ISRAELI RELATIONS

1. DURING LENGTHY TALK WITH EX BD CHAIRMAN HECTOR WYNTER (JAMAICA), WHO WAS IN WASHINGTON FOR ONE DAY (JUNE 16) BEFORE RETURNING HOME AFTER EXTENDED ABSENCE, IO ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLAKE EMPHASIZED U. S. DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN UNESCO, POINTING TO U.S.-HOSTED WIPO/UNESCO MEETING ON REPROGRAPHIC RE-PRODUCTION THAT HAD JUTDST GOTTEN UNDERWAY THAT MORNING. AS TO CONGRESSIONAL CUT-OFF OF U.S. FUNDS, OUR AIM WAS TO WORK CAREFULLY BUT SURELY TOWARD UNESCO TURN-AROUND THAT WOULD ENABLE U. S. TO RESUME PAYMENTS.

2. WYNTER MADE PARTICULAR POINT OF ISRAELI REPS' MODERATION DURING 97TH BOARD AND POSITIVE RESULTS OF MADAME LAMBERT'S
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MEETING WITH DG M'BOW. LATTER WAS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT

BECAUSE IT MARKED A RESUMPTION OF DG-ISRAEL DIALOGUE. HE ALSO STRESSED THAT M'BOW, A VERY SENSITIVE PERSON, WAS UNLIKELY TO TAKE ANY FURTHER STEPS TOWARD ISRAEL UNLESS ASSURED OF A FAVORABLE RESPONSE. HE STRONGLY DOUBTED THAT M'BOW WOULD INVITE ISRAEL TO THE HELSINKI EXPERTS MEETING TO PREPARE FOR AN ALL-EUROPEAN GROUP EDUCATION CONVENTION

UNLESS HE KNEW ISRAEL WOULD ACCEPT. HOWEVER, HE RECOMMENDED THAT THIS BE PURSUED WITH NAJMAN WHEN HE COMES TO WASHINGTON. WYNTER ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE U. S. INTERCEDE WITH ISRAEL REGARDING BOTH THE HELSINKI MEETING AND JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS ISSUES. WYNTER SAID HE HAD HEARD THAT ISRAEL MIGHT SOON CEASE THE EXCAVATIONS AND THEN WELCOME ANOTHER LEMAIRE VISIT.

3. WYNTER WAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT MAKING MUCH PROGRESS AT THE FALL EX BD ON EITHER THE JERUSALEM OR EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP (ERG) ISSUE SINCE THERE WAS NO "PEG" TO HANG INITIATIVES ON AND IN THE ABSENCE OF MARKED PROGRESS ON OVERALL MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS, ARAB STATES WOULD RESENT AND OPPOSE THE JERUSALEM AND EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP ISSUES BEING RAISED IN VACUO. THUS, EVEN A VERY GENERAL RESOLUTION ALONG THE LINES OF 18TH GC RES. 46.1 OR HIS OR M'BOW'S STATEMENTS BEFORE THE 97TH BOARD WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN.

4. BY CONTRAST, HE WAS VERY OPTIMISTIC THAT THE EX BD MEETING NEXT APRIL, WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED BY RES. 46.1 TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE 19TH GC ON THE REGIONAL GROUPS ISSUE COULD, GIVEN A FAVORABLE CLIMATE, PRODUCE A RESOLUTION ASSIGNING ISRAEL AND SAN MARINO TO THE ERG, GRANADA TO THE LATIN AMERICAN/CARIBBEAN GROUP AND POSSIBLY ANGOLA AND OTHERS TO THE AFRICAN GROUP. WYNTER POINTED TO EGYPT'S WILLINGNESS TO HAVE ISRAEL INVITED TO HELSINKI MEETING AS EVIDENCE THAT ARAB POSITION ON ERG ISSUE HAD SOFTENED. MOREOVER, HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT EES, WHOSE MAIN CONCERN WAS THE PRC'S INCREASING INFLUENCE OVER LDC'S, COULD BE COUNTED ON TO SUPPORT ISRAEL AS LONG AS ARABS WERE WILLING TO SEE ERG ISSUE RESOLVED. KISSINGER

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